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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- 1. REF YOUR RECENT MESSAGE ABOUT ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT DE-CISION NOT TO CONTINUE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORT WITH UNIVERSITY, MY INQUIRIES REVEAL THAT DECISION TAKEN FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. CONSIDERATION YOUR NEW PROPOSAL MAY OCCUR AT SOME LATER DATE.
- 2. ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT AND UAE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE CURRENTLY SEEKING TO REACH CONCLUSION WHETHER TO CONTINUE USE SAIYAT ISLAND PROJECT FOR R AND D AND TRAINING OR CONVERT OPERATION ESSENTIALLY TO ONE OF PRODUCING TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, ETC. WHERE NO MAJOR RESEARCH ACTIVITY REQUIRED. SECOND PART OF SAME PROBLEM IS WHETHER TO CONSOLIDATE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN EMIRATES. AT MOMENT, THERE IS SOME DUPLICATION WITH EXPERIMENTAL STATIONS AT RAS AL KHAIMAH, DIGDAGA, FRENCH FARMS NEAR MAZYAD, AND WORK DONE AT SADIYAT. TRAINING OF UAE NATIONALS HAS SUFFERED BECAUSE THERE SO MANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG UAE NATIONLS IN OTHER FIELDS. THERE IS PUSH FOR CONSOLIDATION OF ALL THESE ACTIVITIES WITH FEELING THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE CENTERED IN AL-AIN AREA WHERE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL IS BELIEVED BE GREATEST.

3. I WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY BUT UNTIL POLICY ISSUES SET FORTH ABOVE ARE RESOLVED, IT UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN RESRRECT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LATEST COOPERATIVE R AND D PROPOSAL.

DICKMAN

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